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A. REGI	STRANT IDENTI	FICATION		
NAME OF BROKER-DEALER: Accrue	d Equities, Inc.			OFFICIAL USE ONLY
ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSIN 150 Broadhollow R	•	). Box No.)		FIRM I.D. NO.
	(No. and Street)			
Melville	New Yo	rk	11747-4905	
(City)	(State)		(Zip (	Code)
NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF PER	SON TO CONTACT	N REGARD TO	THIS REPOR	T
David J. Schoenwal	ld	631 423-7373	(Are	ea Code – Telephone Number
B. ACCO	UNTANT IDENT	IFICATION		
INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT wh NawrockiSmith LL	-	ed in this Report*		
(1)	Name – if individual, state le	ast, first, middle name	?)	
290 Broad Hollow Road, Suite 115E	Melville		New York	11747
(Address)	(City)		(State)	(Zip Code)
CHECK ONE:				
☐ Certified Public Accountant				
☐ Public Accountant				
☐ Accountant not resident in United	d States or any of its po	ossessions.		
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<sup>\*</sup>Claims for exemption from the requirement that the annual report be covered by the opinion of an independent public accountant must be supported by a statement of facts and circumstances relied on as the basis for the exemption. See Section 240.17a-5(e)(2)

### OATH OR AFFIRMATION

Ι,	David J.	Schoenwald		, swear (or affirm) that, to the best of
my			al statement and s	upporting schedules pertaining to the firm of
	Accrued	Equities, Inc.		· , as
of_	12/31			are true and correct. I further swear (or affirm) that
neit	her the company nor any p	artner, proprietor, pri	incipal officer or	lirector has any proprietary interest in any account
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### REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Stockholder of Accrued Equities, Inc.:

### **Opinion on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of Accrued Equities, Inc. (the "Company") as of December 31, 2017, the related statements of income, changes in stockholders' equity, and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes (collectively referred to as the financial statements). In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Accrued Equities, Inc. as of December 31, 2017, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### **Basis for Opinion**

These financial statements are the responsibility of Accrued Equities, Inc.'s management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on Accrued Equities, Inc.'s financial statements based on our audit. We are a public accounting firm registered with the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) ("PCAOB") and are required to be independent with respect to Accrued Equities, Inc. in accordance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether due to error or fraud. Our audit included performing procedures to assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to error or fraud, and performing procedures that respond to those risks. Such procedures included examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. Our audit also included evaluating the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

### **Supplementary Information**

The information contained in Schedules I and II have been subjected to audit procedures performed in conjunction with the audit of Accrued Equities, Inc.'s financial statements. The supplementary information is the responsibility of Accrued Equities, Inc.'s management. Our audit procedures included determining whether the supplementary information reconciles to the financial statements or the underlying accounting and other records, as applicable, and performing procedures to test the completeness and accuracy of the information presented in the supplementary information. In forming our opinion on the supplementary information, we evaluated whether the supplementary information, including its form and content, is presented in conformity with 17 C.F.R. §240.17a-5. In our opinion, the supplementary information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

We have served as Accrued Equities, Inc.'s auditor since 2010.

Melville, New York February 28, 2018

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## ACCRUED EQUITIES, INC. Statement of Financial Condition December 31, 2017

### Assets

Cash	<b># 504.400</b>
Securities owned:	\$ 591,100
	167.044
Marketable, at market value  Fixed assets:	167,911
	4 770
Furniture and fixtures, net of accumulated depreciation of \$10,597	
Equipment, net of accumulated depreciation of \$8,788	30,928
Accounts receivable	101,105
Prepaid insurance	4,909
Prepaid taxes	9,041 2,485
Rent security	<del></del>
Total assets	\$ 909,252
Liabilities and Stockholders' Equi	itv
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Liabilities:	
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 24,201
Payroll taxes payable	168
Taxes payable (deferred taxes of \$24,400)	27,032
Total liabilities	51,401
Stockholders' equity:	
Common stock, no-par value, authorized 200 shares issued,	
200 shares outstanding	40,696
Retained earnings	817,155
Total stockholders' equity	857,851
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 909,252
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### ACCRUED EQUITIES, INC. Statement of Income For the Year Ended December 31, 2017

Revenues:			
Commissions		\$	18,266
Underwriting			54,616
Dividends			5,314
Interest			156
Unrealized gain on securities			3,507
Sale of portfolio securities			(7)
Investment advisory fees		1	,154,085
Other income			7,522
Total revenues		1	,243,459
Expenses:			
Regulatory fees and expenses			12,272
Other expenses:			,
Administration/management fees	\$ 56,000		
Compensation and benefits - officers	629,314		
Compensation and benefits - employees	269,959		
Advertising, promotion & marketing	72,687		
Rent	36,284		
Postage, dues, supplies and subscriptions	19,878		
Communications	4,775		
Printing	992		
Miscellaneous and bank charges	1,250		
Petty cash, automobile and travel	1,913		
Internet/website expense	3,204		
Seminars, conferences & CPE	352		
Underwriting expense	25,000		
Distribution service fee	61,188		
Accounting and auditing	62,496		
Depreciation/amortization	7,224		
Insurance and bond	9,901		
Computer information technology	 389		
Total other expenses		_1	,262,806
Total expenses		_1	,275,078
Income before income taxes			(31,619)
Provision for income taxes			
(Includes deferred income taxes of -\$27,400)			(25,350)
Net loss		\$	(6,269)

## ACCRUED EQUITIES, INC. Statement of Changes in Stockholders' Equity for the Year Ended December 31, 2017

		al Stock nmon Amount	Retained <u>Earnings</u>	Total Stockholders' <u>Equity</u>	
Balances at January 1, 2017	200	\$ 40,696	\$ 823,424	\$ 864,120	
Net loss	-	. <b>-</b>	(6,269)	(6,269)	
Balances at December 31, 2017	200	\$ 40,696	\$ 817,155	\$ 857,851	

### ACCRUED EQUITIES, INC. Statement of Cash Flows Year Ended December 31, 2017

### **Cash Flows From Operating Activities**

Net loss	(\$6,269)
Adjustments to reconcile net cash used	
by operating activities	
Depreciation and amortization	7,224
Decrease in operating assets:	
Accounts receivable	(13,742)
Securities segregated under federal and other regulations	(2,682)
Prepaid taxes	(219)
Increase (decrease) in operating liabilities:	
Payables to non-customers	6,080
Taxes and deferred taxes payable	(30,838)
Total adjustments	(34,177)
Net cash used by operating activities	(40,446)
Investing activity	
Acquisition of fixed assets	(38,152)
•	
Decrease in cash	(78,598)
Cash at beginning of year	669,698
Cash at end of year	\$591,100
Supplemental cash flow disclosure:	
Income tax payments	\$9,041

### Accrued Equities, Inc. Notes to Financial Statements Year Ended December 31, 2017

### 1. Organization and Nature of Business:

Accrued Equities, Inc. (The Company) is a Broker-Dealer registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission and a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA). The Company is an Investment Advisor for a mutual fund.

The Company is a New York Corporation and has 200 shares of no-par value common stock issued and outstanding. There is no stated value. The U.S. dollar (\$) is the functional currency of the Company.

### 2. Significant Account Policies:

Investment Advisory Income: (

Investment advisory fees are received from a mutual fund for which the Company provides advisory services. Fees are received monthly.

Distribution and Underwriters Income:

The Company receives commission income from a mutual fund for sub-distribution services to the Fund. Fees are received semi-monthly. Co-underwriting fees are earned via offset for certain expenses of the advisor.

Income Taxes:

The Company is an accrual basis regular corporation. The Company records deferred taxes payable based on the unrealized gains or losses in marketable securities in accordance with FASB Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") 740, Income Taxes.

### Depreciation:

Fixed assets are carried at cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is computed using various methods, based upon the estimated useful life and salvage value of the asset. The policy of the Company is to capitalize fixed asset acquisitions of \$5,000 or greater. An extended warranty on a fixed asset is included in fixed assets and is amortized straight line over the life of the warranty.

Statement of Cash Flows:

For purposes of the Statement of Cash Flows, the Company has defined cash as cash in bank(s).

Use of estimates:

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

# Accrued Equities, Inc. Notes to Financial Statements Year Ended December 31, 2017 (Continued)

### Fair Value Measurement:

FASB Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") 820 defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value, and establishes a fair value hierarchy which prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. A fair value measurement assumes that the transaction to sell the asset or transfer the liability occurs in the principal market for the asset or liability or, in the absence of a principal market, the most advantageous market. Valuation techniques that are consistent with the market, income or cost approach as specified by FASB ASC 820 are used to measure fair value.

The fair value hierarchy prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value into three broad levels:

Level 1	Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that
	the Company can access at the measurement date.

- Level 2 Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly.
- Level 3 Unobservable inputs for the asset or liability.

The availability of observable inputs can vary from security to security and is affected by a wide variety of factors, including, for example, the type of security, the liquidity of markets, and other characteristics particular to the security. To the extent that valuation is based on models or inputs that are less observable or unobservable in the market, the determination of fair value requires more judgment. Accordingly, the degree of judgment exercised in determining fair value is greatest for instruments categorized in Level 3.

The inputs used to measure fair value may fall into different levels of the fair value hierarchy. In such cases, for disclosure purposes, the level in the fair value hierarchy within which the fair value measurement falls in its entirety is determined based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety.

### Cash and cash equivalents -

The carrying amounts reported on the Statement of Financial Condition for cash and cash equivalents approximate those assets' fair values.

#### Equity securities -

The fair value of the Company's securities is determined by the quoted market price in active markets.

# Accrued Equities, Inc. Notes to Financial Statements Year Ended December 31, 2017 (Continued)

The following is a summary of the inputs used as of December 31, 2017, in valuing the Company's assets carried at fair value:

	Investments In Securities
Level 1 Level 2	\$ 167,911 -
Level 3	
	<u>\$ 167,911</u>

As of December 31, 2017, the Company did not possess any Level 2 or 3 type of assets.

There were no transfers between any levels during the year 2017.

### 3. Equity:

There was no difference between net capital computation computed by the Company and the audited report. See Schedule I.

### 4. Related Party Transactions:

The Company has transactions with its president, who is an attorney, and a shareholder. The Company pays its president's law firm for legal and administrative services-although not at arms length, it is considered to be fair by the Company. The total payments for 2017 were \$56,000. The balance due to the law firm at December 31, 2017 was \$0. In addition, the Company and a mutual fund, New Alternatives Fund, share facilities with the law office. Disbursements for a shared expense, insurance, are made on a basis, which is the opinion of the insurance agent and approved by the Board of Trustees of New Alternatives Fund.

### 5. Transactions with Affiliates:

Accrued Equities, Inc. is the investment advisor, the co-underwriter and a sub-distributor for a mutual fund, New Alternatives Fund. The President and Director of Accrued Equities, Inc. is an officer of the Fund.

### 6. Market Concentrations:

The Company earns substantially all of its income from one mutual fund client.

### 7. Lease Commitment:

The Company entered into a lease extension for office space effective July 2017. The lease term is for one year. The minimum lease commitment is as follows:

2018 \$18,747

# Accrued Equities, Inc. Notes to Financial Statements Year Ended December 31, 2017 (Continued)

### 8. Net Capital Requirements:

The Company is subject to the Securities and Exchange Commission Net Capital Rule (SEC Rule 15c3-1), which requires the maintenance of minimum net capital and requires that the ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital, both as defined, shall not exceed 15 to 1. At December 31, 2017, the Company had net capital of 783,528, which was \$778,528 in excess of its required net capital of \$5,000. The end of the year capital ratio was 1 to 29.02 at December 31, 2017.

### 9. Income Taxes:

The current and deferred portions of Income Tax Expense included in the Statement of Income.

	<u>Current</u>	<u>Deferred</u>	<u>Total</u>
Federal	\$ 0	(\$23,000)	(\$23,000)
State and Local	2,050	(4,400)	(2,350)
Total	\$2,050	( <u>\$27,400)</u>	(\$25,350)

There were no substantial differences between expected income tax expense and the Company's income tax expense as reported in the Financial Statements.

There are no tax positions that the company has taken on federal income tax returns (current and prior three years) that require disclosure. The Company's federal and state income tax returns for the tax years for which applicable statutes of limitation have not expired are subject to examination by the Internal Revenue Service and New York State.

#### 10. Concentration of Credit Risk:

The Company maintains its cash in deposit accounts with a bank and Broker Dealer which at times could exceed federally insured limits. At December 31, 2017 the Company had \$5,556 in balances in excess of insured limits. The Company has not experienced any losses in any such accounts.

The Company has one client, a mutual fund. A failure to pay or failure of the Fund could have a severe impact on the Company.

### 11. Subsequent Events:

The Company has evaluated subsequent events through February 28, 2018, which is the date these financial statements were available to be issued. No events have occurred subsequent to the Statement of Financial Condition date through February 28, 2018, that would require adjustment or disclosure in the financial statements.

### Schedule I

# Accrued Equities, Inc. Computation of Net Capital Under Rule 15c3-1 of the Securities and Exchange Commission As of December 31, 2017

Total capital			\$	857,851
Deductions and/or charges: Nonallowable assets:				857,851
Fixed assets, net	\$	32,701		
Prepaid taxes		9,041		
Other assets	-	7,394		49,136
Other deductions and/or charges				
Net capital before haircuts on securities positions				
(tentative net capital)				808,715
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Undue concentration		25,187		25,187
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Net capital			\$	783,528
Aggregate indebtedness				
Items included in Statement of Financial Condition:				
Other accounts payable and accrued expenses			\$	27,001
Total aggregate indebtedness			\$	27,001
Computation of basic net capital requirement				
Minimum net capital required:				
Company			\$	1,800
Total			\$	1,800
Minimum dollar net capital requirement			\$	5,000
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Excess net capital			\$	778,528
Ratio: Aggregate indebtedness to net capital			***********	1:29.02

There was no difference between net capital computation computed by the Company and the audited report.

### SCHEDULE II

Accrued Equities, Inc.

Computation For Determination of Reserve Requirements
Under Rule 15c3-3 of the Securities and Exchange Commission
As of December 31, 2017

The Company is exempt from SEC Rule 15c3-3 under subparagraph (k)(2)(ii) because it does not carry securities accounts for customers or perform custodial functions relating to customer securities.



### REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Stockholder of Accrued Equities, Inc.:

We have reviewed management's statements, included in the accompanying Exemption Report, in which (1) Accrued Equities, Inc. (the "Company") identified the following provisions of 17 C.F.R. §15c3-3(k) under which the Company claimed an exemption from 17 C.F.R. §240.15c3-3: (k)(2)(ii) (the "exemption provisions") and (2) the Company stated that the Company met the identified exemption provisions throughout the most recent fiscal year without exception. The Company's management is responsible for compliance with the exemption provisions and its statements.

Our review was conducted in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) and, accordingly, included inquiries and other required procedures to obtain evidence about the Company's compliance with the exemption provisions. A review is substantially less in scope than an examination, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion on management's statements. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

Based on our review, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to management's statements referred to above for them to be fairly stated, in all material respects, based on the provisions set forth in paragraph (k)(2)(ii) of Rule 15c3-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Melville, New York February 28, 2018

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February 28, 2018

### **Accrued Equities, Inc. Exemption Report**

ACCRUED EQUITIES, INC. (the "Company") is a registered broker-dealer subject to Rule 17a-5 promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission (17 C.F.R §240.17a-5, "Reports to be made by certain brokers and dealers"). This Exemption Report was prepared as required by 17 C.F.R §240.17a-5(d) (1) and (4). To the best of its knowledge and belief for the year ended December 31, 2017, the Company states the following:

- The Company claimed an exemption from 17 C.F.R §240.15c3-3 under the following provision of 17C.F.R §240.15c3-3(k): (2) (ii).
- Management is responsible for compliance with the exemption provision. The Company met the requirements of the identified exemption provision throughout the most recent fiscal year without exception.

Accrued Equities, Inc.

I, David J. Schoenwald, swear (or affirm) that, to my best knowledge and belief, this Exemption Report is

true and correct.

President



### REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES RELATED TO AN ENTITY'S CLAIM FOR EXCLUSION FROM MEMBERSHIP IN SIPC

To the Stockholder of Accrued Equities, Inc.:

In accordance with Rule 17a-5(e)(4) of the Securities and Exchange Commission Act of 1934 and with the SIPC Series 600 Rules, we have performed the procedures enumerated below with respect to the accompanying Schedule of Form SIPC-3 Revenues of Accrued Equities, Inc. for the year ended December 31, 2017, which were agreed to by Accrued Equities, Inc. and the Securities Investor Protection Corporation (SIPC), solely to assist you and SIPC in evaluating Accrued Equities, Inc.'s compliance with the exclusion requirements from membership in SIPC under section 78ccc(a)(2)(A) of the Securities Investor Protection Act of 1970 during the year ended December 31, 2017 as noted on the accompanying Certification of Exclusion from Membership (Form SIPC-3). Accrued Equities, Inc.'s management is responsible for Accrued Equities, Inc.'s compliance with those requirements. This agreed-upon procedures engagement was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). The sufficiency of these procedures is solely the responsibility of those parties specified in this report. Consequently, we make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedures described below either for the purpose for which this report has been requested or for any other purpose. The procedures we performed and our findings are as follows:

- Compared the Total amount included in the accompanying Schedule of Form SIPC-3 Revenues prepared by Accrued Equities, Inc. for the year ended December 31, 2017 to the total revenues in Accrued Equities, Inc.'s audited financial statements included on Annual Audited Report Form X-17A-5 Part III for the year ended December 31, 2017, noting no differences;
- Compared the amount in each revenue classification reported in the Schedule of Form SIPC-3 Revenues prepared by Accrued Equities, Inc. for the year ended December 31, 2017 to supporting schedules and workpapers, noting no differences;
- 3) Recalculated the arithmetical accuracy of the Total Revenues amount reflected in the Schedule of Form SIPC-3 Revenues prepared by Accrued Equities, Inc. for the year ended December 31, 2017 and in the related schedules and workpapers, noting no differences.

We were not engaged to, and did not conduct an examination, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion on Accrued Equities, Inc.'s claim for exclusion from membership in SIPC. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the specified parties listed above and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Melville, New York February 28, 2018

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Securities Investor Protection Corporation (iii) its business as a broker-dealer is expected to consist exclusively of 1667 K Street NW, Ste 1000 (I) the distribution of shares of registered open end investment companies or unit investment true Washington, DC 20006-1620 (II) the sale of variable annuities; (MI) the business of insurance; Forwarding and Address Correction Requested (IV) the business of rendering investment advisory services to one or more registered investment companies or insurance company separate accounts; it is registered pursuant to 15 U.S.C. 78o(b)(11)(A) as a broker-dealer with respect to transactions securities futures products; Pursuant to the terms of this form (detailed below). Schounder Authorized Signature/Title 8-17356 FINRA DEC ACCRUED EQUITIES INC 150 BROADHOLLOW RD STE PH 02

Securities Investor Protection Corporati 1667 K Street NW, Ste 1000 Washington, DC 20006-1620

its principal business, whe determination of SIPC, taking into account business of affilia entities, is conducted outside the United States and its territories and possessions.\*

### Form SIPC-3

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Certification of Exclusion From Membership.

TO BE FILED BY A BROKER-DEALER WHO CLAIMS EXCLUSION FROM MEMBERSHIP IN THE SECURITIES INVESTOR PROTECTION CORPORATION ("SIPC") UNDER SECTION 78ccc(a)(2)(A) OF THE SECURITIES INVESTOR PROTECTION ACT OF 1970 ("SIPA").

(i) its principal business, in the determination of SIPC, taking into account business of affiliated entities, is conducted outside the United States and its territories and possessions;\*

Check appropriate boxes.

- (ii) its business as a broker-dealer is expected to consist exclusively of: the distribution of shares of registered open end investment companies or unit investment trusts;
- the sale of variable annuities; ĺΠ)
- the business of insurance; (III) the business of rendering investment advisory services to one or more registered investment companies or insurance company separate accounts;
- [ (iii) it is registered pursuant to 15 U.S.C. 780(b)(11)(A) as a broker-dealer with respect to transactions in securities futures products;

and that, therefore, under section 78ccc(a)(2)(A) of SIPA it is excluded from membership in SIPC.

\*If you have any questions concerning the foreign exclusion provision please contact SIPC via telephone at 202-371-8300 or e-mail at asksipc@sipc.org to request a foreign exclusion questionnaire.

The following bylaw was adopted by the Board of Directors:

Interest on Assessments. ... If any broker or dealer has incorrectly filed a claim for exclusion from membership in the Corporation, such broker or dealer shall pay, in addition to all assessments due, interest at the rate of 20% per annum of the unpaid assessment for each day it has not been paid since the date on which it should have been paid.

In the event of any subsequent change in the business of the undersigned broker-dealer that would terminate such broker-dealer's exclusion from membership in SIPC pursuant to section 78ccc(a)(2)(A) of the SIPA, the undersigned broker-dealer will immediately give SIPC written notice thereof and make payment of all assessments thereafter required under section 78ddd(c) of the SIPA.

Sign, date and return this form no later than 30 days after the beginning of the fiscal year, using the enclosed return envelope.

Retain a copy of this form for a period of not less than 6 years, the latest 2 years in an easily accessible place.